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1. MISSISSIPPI DELTA BLUES BAND ENDED EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL TEN DAY ROMANIAN TOUR MAY 12 FOLLOWING SIX COMMERCIAL CONCERTS AND TWO CONCERTS IN AMERICAN LIBRARY. GROUP'S PERFORMANCES OF TRADITION BLUES AND RHYTHM N'BLUES NUMBERS DREW SRO HOUSES IN BUCHAREST, DEVA, TIMISOARA, BRASOV, PITESTI AND PLOIESTI. THIS WAS FIRST MULTIPLE-CITY TOUR FOR POPULAR PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN MUSICAL GROUP IN RECENT YEARS AND REFLECTS GENERAL SUCCESS OF POST'S ARRANGEMENT OF SHARING COSTS WITH ROMANIAN IMPRESARIAT ARIA. ARIA PERSONNEL PLEASED WITH GROUP'S PERFORMANCES AND INQUIRED ABOUT 1978 AVAILABILITY. POST PLEASED THAT GROUP'S AUDIENCES INCLUDED LARGE

NUMBERS OF STUDENTS AND ALSO THAT LIBRARY CONCERTS DREW CROSS-SECTION
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OF BUCHAREST MUSICAL COMMUNITY. OFF-STAGE GROUP WAS EASY TO HANDLE, FULLY COOPERATIVE AND MIXED EASILY WITH ROMANIANS THOUGH MANAGER REPORTED IN PROVINCIAL CITIES THAT POST-CONCERT DISCUSSIONS WERE USUALLY OF BRIEF DURATION SINCE ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS OBVIOUSLY UNEASY IN PROLONGED TALKS WITH FOREIGNERS IN PUBLIC PLACES.

2. CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS ON GROUP'S INSTRUMENT NEEDS AND SOUND SYSTEM, POST FULLY UNDERSTOOD NEED TO RENT DRUM SET AND ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE ON THIS POINT. MAJOR PROBLEM RESULTED CONCERNING AMPLIFYING EQUIPMENT (FOR EACH INSTRUMENT) AND MICROPHONES (FOR SINGERS). ONLY CORRESPONDENCE POST HAS BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY THAT GROUP WOULD NOT BRING THESE ITEMS WAS SEEMINGLY SPECULATIVE CABLE THAT EXCESS WEIGHT BE REDUCED IF SOUND EQUIPMENT FURNISHED LOCALLY. POST WAS UNABLE TO FIND SUCH EQUIPMENT, THEREFORE DID NOT CONFIRM AVAILABILITY AND THERE WAS NO FOLLOW-UP (IN OUR FILES AT LEAST) CONFIRMING THAT GROUP WOULD INDEED NOT BE BRINGING THIS EQUIPMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, MATTER SEEMINGLY RAISED INITIALLY AS POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO EXCESS BAGGAGE COST PROBLEMS-- BUT THERE WAS NO FOLLOW-THROUGH ONE WAY OR THE OTHER AND SINCE GROUPS USUALLY BRING SUCH EQUIPMENT (BOTH TO AVOID TYPES OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED HERE AND BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL FAMILIARITY AND EASE IN USING EQUIPMENT) POST EXPECTED GROUP WOULD BE CARRYING OWN SOUND EQUIPMENT. BOYD REPEATED THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISED HIM NOT TO BRING THIS EQUIPMENT ALTHOUGH WHEN PRESSED HE ADDED THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY SO BECAUSE DEPARTMENT SAID IT COULD NOT PAY FOR EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTATION COSTS STOCKHOLM-COPENHAGEN. POST MERELY QUOTING BOYD ON THIS POINT. CONFUSION THEREFORE SEEMED TO BE ON SOUND EQUIPMENT QUESTION--NEVER ON DRUMS. FOR FUTURE REFERENCE BECAUSE RENTAL ARRANGEMENTS BOTH DIFFICULT AND COSTLY TO MAKE LOCALLY

(MUST BE MADE WITH INDIVIDUALS SINCE PUBLIC RENTAL SYSTEM DOESN'T EXIST) POST WOULD LIKE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL GROUPS BEING CONSIDERED FOR LOCAL CONCERTS AGREE TO BRING SOUND EQUIPMENT WITH THEM.

3. DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATING BAND'S VISIT APPRECIATED
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AS ARE EFFORT BY USIS STOCKHOLM AND USIS COPENHAGEN ON TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.
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